about the miserable plight of minority community of Hindus in Pakistan and Bangladesh; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and the official number of Hindus residing in Pakistan and Bangladesh?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Government are aware of media and other reports in Pakistan and Bangladesh on the condition of the Hindu minority in these countries. As per the census conducted by Government of Pakistan in 1998, there were 24,43,614 Hindus in Pakistan out of a total population of 13,23,52,279. According to National Report (Provisional) on the Population Census 2001, the number of Hindus in Bangladesh was 1,13,79,000, about 9.2% of the total population.

Indo-US nucjear agreement

1854. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US Congress has since passed the Indo-US Nuciear Cooperation Agreement of July, 2005 and deal with the US has since been finalised;

(b) if so, the amendments, if any that have been made by the US Congress; and

(c) the steps that are contemplated under,the final arrangement for disposal or reprocessing of the used fuel?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Iran's nuclear fuel enrichment activities

1855. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has imposed a ban on the "direct or indirect" export of all items that could contribute to Iran's nuclear fuel enrichment related

reprocessing or heavy water-related activities as well as development of nuclear weapon delivery system;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Yes. The Director General of Foreign Trade issued a notification on 20 February 2007 (Notification No. 47 (RE-2006)/ 2004-2009) under the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992 tcrthis effect. There is no trade between India and Iran in these items.

(c) This is in pursuance of India's obligations under UN Security Council Resolution 1737 of 23 December 2006 adopted unanimously by the UN Security Council under Article 41 Chapter VII of the UN Charter.

Extradition treaties with South Asian countries

1856. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has extradition treaties with Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and other South Asian countries;

(b) the names of South Asian countries with whom we have extradition treaties;

(c) the number of extradition request made by India which are pending with Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia;

(d) whether it is a fact that our Embassies and High Commissions give low priority to such requests or orders from courts; and

(e) the steps proposed to put in place a better administrative system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) India does not have extradition treaties with Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia, However, there is an Extradition arrangement with Singapore.

(b) India has signed extradition treaties with two South Asian countries *viz.* Nepal and Bhutan. There is an extradition arrangement with Sri Lanka.